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**Committee Bill No. 529**

LCO No. 4166

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF AUTISM SPECTRUM  
DISORDER SERVICES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-215b of the general statutes is repealed and  
2 the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2011*):

3 (a) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, in consultation  
4 with the Commissioners of Social Services and Mental Health and  
5 Addiction Services and any other commissioner the Commissioner of  
6 Developmental Services deems appropriate, shall, within available  
7 appropriations, establish a pilot autism spectrum [disorders] disorder  
8 program, to provide a coordinated system of supports and services,  
9 including case management, for [persons] adults with autism spectrum  
10 [disorders] disorder who do not have mental retardation, as defined in  
11 section 1-1g, and their families. The pilot program shall be established  
12 in New London County and serve up to seventy-five adults with  
13 autism spectrum [disorders] disorder who are not eligible for services  
14 from the Department of Developmental Services under this chapter.

15 (b) The Commissioner of Developmental Services shall establish

16 eligibility requirements for participation in the program. [The  
 17 commissioner shall expand the pilot program to ensure that, on and  
 18 after May 12, 2008, access to the pilot program is available to persons  
 19 in a geographic area not served by the program prior to said date.]

20 (c) The Commissioner of Developmental Services, or the  
 21 commissioner's designee, shall identify appropriate individualized  
 22 services and supports for each person in the program and the family of  
 23 each person in the program and shall coordinate the provision of such  
 24 services and supports to such person and family.

25 (d) The pilot program shall commence on or before [October 1, 2006]  
 26 January 1, 2012, and shall terminate not later than June 30, [2009] 2015.

27 (e) The Commissioner of Developmental Services shall report, in  
 28 accordance with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committee of the  
 29 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public  
 30 health not later than January 1, [2009] 2014, concerning the results of  
 31 such pilot program. [The report shall include recommendations  
 32 concerning a system for addressing the needs of persons with autism  
 33 spectrum disorder, including, but not limited to, recommendations (1)  
 34 establishing an independent council to advise the Department of  
 35 Developmental Services with respect to system design,  
 36 implementation and quality enhancement, (2) establishing procedural  
 37 safeguards, (3) designing and implementing a quality enhancement  
 38 and improvement process, and (4) designing and implementing an  
 39 interagency data and information management system.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2011</i>	17a-215b

**Statement of Purpose:**

To establish a pilot program for the provision of autism spectrum disorder services to adults in New London County.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*

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